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For: THREE-PIECE SOLID GOLF BALL

REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents April 3, 2003
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 3, 2002, the period for response having been extended one month, the following amendments and remarks are submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A three-piece solid golf ball comprising a core, an intermediate layer formed on the core, and a cover covering the intermediate layer, wherein
- the core has a JIS-C surface hardness of 65 to 83 wherein a distribution of JIS-C hardness, when determined at any two points between the center and the surface of the core has a difference of 5 or less